

What is claimed is:

1 1. An apparatus interposed in a telephone line for defeating predictive dialing
2 telemarketing systems, comprising:

3 an off-hook detector connected to the telephone line;
4 an audio energy generator producing a signal imitating the energy associated with
5 an answering machine greeting;
6 a switch interposed between said audio energy generator and the telephone; and
7 a controller interposed between said off-hook detector and said switch for
8 activating said switch to interconnect said audio energy generator to said phone line upon
9 receipt of an incoming call.

1 2. The apparatus for defeating predictive dialing telemarketing systems according
2 to claim 1, wherein said audio energy generator continually produces said signal.

1 3. The apparatus for defeating predictive dialing telemarketing systems according
2 to claim 1, wherein said controller is interconnected with said audio energy generator,
3 said controller activating said audio energy generator to produce said signal upon receipt
4 of said incoming call.

1 4. A method for defeating predictive dialing telemarketing systems, comprising:
2 sensing an incoming call on a telephone line;
3 generating a signal imitating the energy associated with an answering machine
4 greeting; and
5 placing said signal upon said telephone line each time an incoming call is sensed.

1 5. The method for defeating predictive dialing telemarketing systems according to
2 claim 4, wherein said signal is continuously generated.

- 1 6 The method for defeating predictive dialing telemarketing systems according to
- 2 claim 4, wherein said signal is generated upon said sensing of an incoming call.